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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : KAZUE NAKAMURA  
Serial No. : 09/446,769  
Filed : MAY 5, 2000  
For : DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL APPARATUS AND  
METHOD OF THE SAME  
Examiner : S. T. CHANNAVAJJALA  
Art Unit : 2177

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	7	Minus	** =20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	2	Minus	*** =3	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

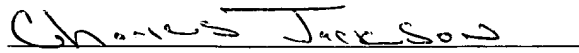
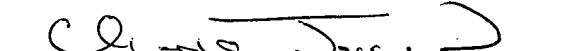
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☒ This response is being filed within the third month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a three month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☒ Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$950.00 is attached, which covers the cost of the petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

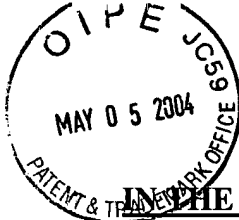
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 5, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

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